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Honorable Carole Migden  
State Capitol, Room 5114  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 324 (Migden) Support**

Dear Senator Migden:

The Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA) supports your SB 324, which would expand the definition of low-income residential housing to include residential housing that is occupied by individuals eligible for the California Alternative Rates for Energy (CARE) program or the Low-Income Energy Efficiency (LIEE) program.

The CARE program provides eligible low-income customers with 20% discounts on their electric and natural gas bills and the LIEE program provides free weatherization services to eligible CARE program customers.

SB 324 would expand the eligibility guidelines for purposes of the California Public Utilities Commission California Solar Initiative (CSI) low-income housing set aside. Therefore, CARE and LIEE program customers would be eligible to benefit from the CSI's incentives for the installation of 3,000 megawatts of new solar power in homes and businesses throughout California by 2017.

DRA supports your bill's efforts to help eligible low-income customers benefit from the CSI incentives and looks forward to working with you to pass this important legislation.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please call Matthew Marcus our Legislative Director at (916) 327-3455 or me at (415) 703-2544.

Sincerely,

Dana S. Appling, Director  
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